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Alfredo De Jesús O., is the Representative for Latin America of the London Court of International Arbitration Young International Arbitration Group (LCIA-YIAG). Alfredo is a Venezuelan attorney practicing from Caracas and Paris. He concentrates his practice in international arbitration, particularly involving States, state entities, as well as Latin American parties. He has acted as counsel for both Latin American state owned entities and foreign investors in the region in a variety of ad-hoc and institutional investment and commercial arbitration proceedings related to natural resources disputes (oil, gas and metallic minerals), and others. Alfredo graduated with honours from the Andrés Bello Catholic University in Caracas and holds two Master's degrees from the University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne) and the University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas), where he is also about to defend his PhD thesis on the transnational law of contracts and obligations. He currently lectures on international arbitration in the LLM in Arbitration and International Business Law of the University of Versailles and in the Joint LLM in International Business Law of the University of Paris II and the University of Monterrey. He is the Founder and Deputy Secretary General of the Venezuelan Arbitration Committee, the Venezuelan Reporter of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration and KluwerArbitration.com, and the author of the regular column on arbitration of Venezuela's Supreme Court Law Journal. Alfredo publishes extensively in his areas of expertise and works in Spanish, English, French and Portuguese.

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Her legal practice at Santamarina y Steta in Mexico City focuses on commercial arbitration. She handles international and domestic arbitrations, both as party representative and arbitrator, under various arbitration rules, mainly on issues related to infrastructure projects, construction, energy, shareholders' disputes, joint-ventures, international sale of goods, insurance, and commercial transactions in general. She has particular experience conducting large complex cases.

She represents clients before state and federal courts in proceedings requesting and enforcing interim measures, and recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards.

She graduated with an honourable mention thesis from the Universidad Panamericana, where she also studied a post graduate course in Commercial Law. She obtained a Masters degree with honourable mention in International Private Law from the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM). As recipient of the Victor Folsom Fellowship, she attended the Academy of American and International Law (sponsored by the Institute for International and Comparative Law), oriented to a wide range of commercial transactions and legal institutions. She also has studies in mediation and arbitration in Mexico and abroad.

For 6 years she worked as Secretary General for the Mediation and Arbitration Centre of the Mexico City National Chamber of Commerce (CANACO), where she was in charge of the administration of mediation and arbitration proceedings, both domestic and international, under the rules of CANACO, the Commercial Arbitration and Mediation Centre for the Americas (CAMCA) and the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission (IACAC). At the same time, as an independent practitioner, she participated in many arbitration proceedings related to international trade, insurance and joint ventures.

She currently represents Mexico before the Arbitration and Conciliation Group of the United Nations Commission for International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and in the NAFTA Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes (2022 Committee). She is member of the Mediation and Arbitration Commission of CANACO and is Mexican correspondent for the Institute for International Arbitration (ITA). She is also member of the Arbitration Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), President of the ICC Young Arbitrator's Forum (YAF) in México and member of the Regional Coordinating Committee of the ICC YAF Latin America Chapter.

She teaches the Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration course in the Universidad La Salle, and is member of the faculty of the Arbitration Diploma Course by the ICC and the Escuela Libre de Derecho. She has also lectured many arbitration related courses in a number of universities throughout the country.

As editor, she recently published the *Diccionario Enciclopédico de Arbitraje Comercial* (Themis, 2010). She has also published articles related to arbitration and dispute resolution matters.



**Katherine González Arrocha** is a Panamanian citizen. A qualified lawyer, she obtained her law degree in Panama and a Master's degree from the French university Paris II (Panthéon-Assas), where she specialized in arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. Katherine joined the Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris in 1996, where she was entrusted with the responsibility of managing arbitration cases originating in Latin America and the Iberian countries. In 2004, she was appointed Secretary for the ICC Commission on Arbitration and Senior Counsel for ICC Dispute Resolution Services. Since February 2007, she has been Director for Latin America of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and of the ICC Dispute Resolution Services, based in Panama City.

Katherine González Arrocha has authored several articles and has lectured at seminars, workshops and conferences on international arbitration and alternative dispute resolution throughout the world. She also works as an independent practitioner. In this capacity, she has acted as consultant for the Panamanian government and she also advises law firms in the areas of arbitration and dispute resolution.

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## **Adrián Magallanes**

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Adrián Magallanes is a member of the international arbitration practice group of Arnold & Porter, where he has acted as counsel for Latin American sovereigns and investors in ICSID arbitration proceedings, and has advised U.S. investors regarding potential NAFTA claims. Prior to joining Arnold & Porter, his practice was based in Mexico City, where he represented multinational companies and foreign governments in several *ad hoc* and institutional arbitration proceedings concerning major commercial and construction disputes. He is also experienced in enforcing arbitral awards and foreign judgments in Mexican Courts, before which he has litigated administrative and constitutional law controversies. Mr. Magallanes graduated *summa cum laude* from the *Escuela Libre de Derecho* in Mexico City and was an Arthur T. Vanderbilt Scholar at New York University School of Law, from which he holds an LL.M. degree. He has also completed post-graduate programs in Arbitration at the McGill Law Faculty in Montreal, and in Government Contracts at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City.



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He represents a Spanish investor against a Latin American State in an ad-hoc arbitration. He represents a South American State before Spanish Courts in different claims brought by bondholders and foreign investors. He has counseled a Central American State before an ICSID panel in a case brought by a Spanish investor. He has also acted as defense lawyer for a Latin American State Agency in the Recognition and Enforcement of an ICC Award against a sovereign entity, coordinating actions within 8 Jurisdictions. He has represented a Latin American company before the Spanish Courts in annulment proceedings of an ICC Award on the grounds of lack of impartiality of the President of the Arbitral Tribunal. Other cases include corporate, acquisition disputes and unfair competition claims. His academic background includes an Economic Science degree, being highly qualified for tax, economic and financial analysis.

He has extensively participated in publishing in legal magazines and collective books. He is co-author of “Comentarios a la Nueva Ley de Arbitraje” (Grupo Difusión, 2004, 2ed. 2008). He teaches Litigation and Arbitration Practice at the School of Law of the Comillas Pontifical University, ICADE (Madrid). He is a member of the Drafting Committee for the Independence and Impartiality Guidelines within the Independence and Impartiality Committee of the Spanish Club of Arbitration. He is LL.M. in International and Comparative Law with a Fulbright Scholarship, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. 2001, where he graduated with distinction, majoring in International Arbitration.

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Jean-Paul regularly serves as administrative secretary in international commercial arbitrations involving Latin American parties under the auspices of the ICC and LCIA, and under UNCITRAL Rules, in both English and Spanish languages.

Prior to joining our Washington D.C. office, Jean-Paul was part of our International Arbitration Group in the firm's Paris office. Jean-Paul is only admitted as an attorney in Argentina and his practice is limited to international arbitration.

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Dyalá Jiménez works in the fields of commercial arbitration and investment arbitration. She has been appointed sole arbitrator and president of the Court of Arbitration in two cases under ICC Rules. For two consecutive years, the Legal Who's Who distinguished Dyalá Jiménez as one of the five top experts in international commercial arbitration of Chile in its annual publication "The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration 2010". Dyalá

Jiménez is a member of the CCI Latin American Arbitration Group and of the International Arbitration Institute (IAI).

Before joining private practice, Dyalá Jiménez worked for seven years in the ICC's International Court of Arbitration, first in Paris and later in Chile, as Director for Latin America.

Dyalá Jiménez obtained her law degree with honors from Universidad de Costa Rica and has an LL.M. from Georgetown University (1999, Fulbright Scholar; graduated with honors).



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- ❖ Legal Counsel on matters on the administrative responsibility of several public servants.
- ❖ Specialist legal Advisor at council of nationally relevant projects, most notably the "Reconfiguration Project of the Lazaro Cardenas refinery in Minatitlan, Veracruz."
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### TEACHING ACTIVITY

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